

CHALK MARKS

Developing the Art

The Master, Christ Jesus, watched people imprisoned by "chalk marks" multitudes of them. They sat crippled at the gates and in the streets, but he merely looked at them and said, "Wilt thou be made whole? . . . Rise, take up thy bed, and walk." And they arose and walked. They found that there was nothing hindering them: They were just obeying a rule of human life which says that under certain conditions or at a certain age a person may be paralyzed, and this they had accepted. Jesus saw the chalk mark there, and in his conviction that there was nothing hindering them, they got up and walked.

To Lazarus, he said, "Lazarus, come forth," and Lazarus came forth. What was hindering him? The rules of the game of human life! So people will continue to suffer until somebody comes along who sees that the laws of sin, disease, and lack are chalk marks and, in his spiritual discernment, asks, "What did hinder you?"



The Master told us that we must become as little children in order to accept the truth. Very often the reason for delayed healings is the spiritual healer's inability to be childlike enough to see a white chalk line where somebody else has seen a death

date or has accepted a certain period as necessary for the disease to run its course. People see three chalk marks instead of one when it is an incurable disease, and they are locked more tightly than ever in their prison. An incurable disease! What can be worse than that? As a matter of actual fact, spiritual healing often has far greater success with incurable diseases than with the curable ones because when a doctor says, "I've done all I can do," the patient gives up hope of a cure from materia medica and, in his hopelessness, he is receptive and responsive to the spiritual impulse.

Only those white chalk marks, called time, diagnoses, symptoms, or appearances, can make you believe that you are a prisoner of disease or sin.

The only requirement for freedom is to skip across that line. And why not? What is hindering you? A belief? A theory? When you recognize it as but a belief or theory, all the white chalk lines begin to disappear out of your life because they are not there as barriers:

They are there only as appearances.

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